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### IN VACATION.

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**Idol-Worshipping Monopoly.**—Surely no other tribunal in the world has such curious causes before it as the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The latest experience of its members (says the Sketch) is to try an action from India in which one set of idol-worshippers sued another set of idol-worshippers with respect to a monopoly of the right to practise rites at the shrine of a certain god. The same body once had before it an even stranger case than this. Lord Justice Rigby, when at the Bar, was briefed on behalf of no less a person than the great god Vishnu. The argument was that a difference existed between the hundred-and-seventh and hundred-and-eighth incarnations. The question was whether certain property had belonged to the god in his physical capacity, or whether it became his upon his attaining immortality. The latter incarnation sued the earlier, saying that the property belonged to the god's divine self, and had not been acquired by him before in the flesh.

**Grand Jury Indicts Itself.**—Every member of the grand jury in the Circuit Court in Rolling Fork, Miss., indicted himself last month for violating the Sunday Liquor law and each appeared before Judge Booth and was fined \$10, with a lecture from the bench. The self-indicted grand jurors also returned bills against several petit jurors for the same offense. A religious wave following a Methodist revival recently swept over Sharkey county and persons of high and low degree are purging themselves.

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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Encyclopedic Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports.**  
Vol. 10. The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Va., 1907.

It is said that a brilliant French writer in his early youth ended one of his most ardent love letters in the following manner: "I still love you. I fain would write further, but alas! I have exhausted all the adjectives." One is tempted in reviewing Volume 10 of this excellent work to stop the review with the simple statement that all of the adjectives have been exhausted in reviewing the previous volumes. The present volume, however, is a worthy successor of the nine preceding. It digests the subjects from "Mortgages and Deeds of Trust" to "Paupers." Some surprise was expressed by the profession that "Deeds of Trust" were not digested in Volume 4, but it will be seen that the natural place to which this subject belongs is along with the subject of mortgages. The subject, however, is copiously treated in one hundred and twenty pages of the present volume. The article upon "Municipal Corporations" covers one hundred pages; whilst "Municipal, State and County Securities" are well treated in thirty-five pages. Eighty pages are given to digesting the cases upon "Negligence" and this article seems unusually well digested and if anything surpasses many of the other subjects in the volume.

The important subjects of "New Trials," "Nuisances," "Parent and

Child" and "Partition" are digested. The writer has had occasion since the issuing of the last volume to compare it with another digest lately issued on the two Virginias. In his judgment it does not seem that there is any comparison between the two books. The Michie Digest is not only more complete but enables one searching for authorities to find any given subject with much greater celerity; whilst the system of cross references, suggestive and full, gives him ready access to every branch of the subject.

**The American and English Annotated Cases**, volume 3. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, Long Island. Price \$500.

This volume of selected cases from the United States, England and Canada is in every way equal to its predecessors. Every case selected is followed by a note which in terse and able manner brings the law up to date, citing briefly the available cases on the subject. Glancing over the present volume one finds nearly every domain of law entered into. The cases seem excellently selected and the notes are admirable, not only in their arrangement but in their succinctness and clear statement in small compass.

One exceeding valuable feature of these volumes is that the cases cited are of quite recent date and the selection seems based upon a well defined plan not only to quote the most recent cases available for such a work, but those which are of the greatest interest and liable to be needed by the active practitioner.

**The Report of the West Virginia Bar Association**, 1906. Elletson-Carver Compan,, Parkersburg, West Va., 1906.

We have received the report of the proceedings of the 22nd annual meeting of the West Virginia Bar Association, held at Elkins, West Virginia, on December 27th and 28th, 1906. Our West Virginia brethren seem to have something to say at their meetings. The stenographic report of the meeting covers some sixty-five pages and nearly every question which arose was strongly and ably debated. The address of the President, Mr. John W. Davis, upon the growth of the Commerce Clause is an exceedingly able and entertaining paper, showing profound study and careful thought. The only other paper was submitted by Mr. Cooper upon Direct Nominating Primaries. The reports of the various committees are not only able but of respectable length, showing that these committees had something to report and were willing to give time and thought to their reports.

We see that our West Virginia brethren are struggling also with the Torrens Land System. They have our heartfelt sympathy.

We would be glad to have the Virginia Bar Association take a few notes from the Bar of our youngest daughter. They certainly seem to consider all subjects before them worth discussing and discuss them ably.